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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL

1. IN DESCRIBING YUGOSLAVIA'S RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE AS UNIFORMLY GOOD AND LACKING ANY BASIC PROBLEMS, EVEN INCLUDING SUCH MATTERS AS THE EEC MEAT BAN, FSFA WEST EUROPEAN DEPT DIRECTOR MAKSI TOADY TOLD US YUGOSLAVIA HAS QUIETLY RENEWED RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL. (WHEN GOY MISSION WAS WITHDRAWN SOME YEARS AGO RELATION WERE NOT BROKEN AND IT WAS THEREFORE NOT A MATTER OF REESTABLISHING RELATIONS.) YUGOSLAVS AT PRESENT HAVE A COUNSELOR AS CHARGE, TWO STAFF EMPLOYEES, AND EXPECT TO INCREASE STAFF SOON. A NEW YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR WILL SHORTLY BE NAMED, AND PORTUGAL HAS ASKED AND OBTAINED AGREEMENT FOR ANEW PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR. MAKSI EMPHASIZED THAT FAVORABLE YUGOSLAV VIEW OF PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS RELATES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO NEW PORTUGUESE ATTITUDE TOWARD COLONIALISM. REMOVAL OF PORTUGAL FROM LIST OF THOSE EUROPEAN POWERS RETAINING COLONIES IS, IN YUGOSLAV VIEW TO BENEFIT OF PORTUGAL AND EUROPE AS A WHOLE. ACCORDING TO MAKSI, YUGOSLAVS ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT SUCH THINGS AS PORTUGAL'S CONTINUANCE IN

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NATO BECAUSE THIS IS PURELY PORTUGUESE AFFAIR.

2. SPEAKING BRIEFLY ABOUT SPAIN ONLY EXCEPTION TO
GENERAL GOOD SITUATION, MAKSIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA HAS
ABSOLUTELY NO GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS WITH SPAIN AND
FORESEES NO CHANGE IN THIS SITUATION UNTIL SPANISH
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